

appointment," for we have, in addition to the address of Grand Master Smith, reports from the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Instructor—a title, by the way, much more appropriate than Grand Lecturer, the latter being so frequently a misnomer—Grand German Visitor and District Deputy G. Masters.

The Grand Master opens an eloquent and at the same time a very business-like address, as follows :—

"Another year has passed away with its opportunities and privileges, its light and shade, its joys and sorrows. It has carried with it the record of work completed, or of work unfinished, and has given place to another year, the history of which is yet unwritten. Our experiences have varied since last we met together, but as we assemble to-day in the ninety-first Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, we can and should unite together in giving thanks to the Giver of all good gifts for unnumbered blessings and mercies.

"We have been reminded during the year that from the earthly chain of Brotherhood the links may fall as the hand of God touches them. Some of the members of this Grand Lodge have been called to stand face to face with those eternal verities which we can only see 'as through a glass, darkly.'"

He has refused to grant dispensations to make masons of persons who have marked physical defects, and very properly says in reference thereto :—

"The Masonic Institution is not a hospital for the reception of persons, however excellent their character, who are not 'hale and sound at the time of the making,' and I know of no authority, not even that of a Grand Lodge, which should induce any Grand Master to violate one of the most ancient and most settled of all our Landmarks."

From the G. Master's decisions we select the following :—

"19. The Trustees of a Lodge may be incorporated, and thus exclude from courts of law all matters except of finance; but the incorporation of Lodges makes them practically independent of this Grand Lodge, and is un-masonic, and hereby prohibited.

"20. The Tyler of a Lodge should be appointed by the Worshipful Master, not elected by the Lodge. He is not necessarily a member of the Lodge; an *elective* officer must be a member."

We have always been of opinion that the election of a brother (not a member of the Lodge so electing) to the office of Tyler, was altogether *ultra vires*.